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Reply

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In Response to the Official Action of February 13, 2003, issued with respect to the above-identified patent application, the time for responding to which has been extended by the accompanying Request for an Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Reply comprising Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks.

Introductory Comments

This Reply has been formatted in attempted compliance with the proposed revisions to 37 CFR 1.121. There are no requested Amendments to the Specification.

No fee, other than those provided for on the accompanying Fee Transmittal Form are believed to be due in order for the timely consideration of this Reply. If, however, the Director determines that such a fee is required, then the Director is authorized to charge any (Large Entity) fee required for consideration of this submission to Deposit Account 50-0548.